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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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SUBJ: LEGAL HOLDS ON NAVY PERS AT SUBIC

REFS: A. MANILA 2373

B. MANILA 2250

1. WE NOTE BY REFERENCE A THE ENCOURAGING SIGNS OF IMPROVED COOPERATION FROM THE PHIL DEPT OF JUSTICE. PERHAPS IN THAT ATMOSPHERE IT WOULD BE TIMELY TO HELP THE NAVY FURTHER REDUCE THE NUMBER OF LEGAL HOLDS AT SUBIC. ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM A HIGH IN JAN 73 OF 172 TO ABOUT 125 NOW, NAVY IS CONCERNED OVER THE LINGERING PROBLEM AND CONSIDERS FROM SEVERAL VIEWPOINTS THAT THE CASE HANDLING SHOULD MOVE FASTER WITH AN OBJECTIVE OF REDUCING THE NUMBER TO 50 IN JUNE 73. NAVY HAS FOCUSED ON THE PROBLEM AND IS TAKING WHAT MEASURES IT CAN UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT IS HANDICAPPED BY INSUFFICIENT FISCALS AT OLONGAPO.

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HOPEFULLY PHIL INTEREST IN THE PROBLEM AS NOTED IN REF B
WILL ACCELERATE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE TWO FISCALS WHICH
WE UNDERSTAND HAS NOT YET BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

2. EMBASSY' S CONTINUING EFFORTS REGARDING THIS PROBLEM
IS APPRECIATED BY NAVY. WHATEVER ADDITIONAL HELP THE AMBAS-
SADOR CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE TO REDUCE THE MAGNITUDE OF THE
PROBLEM AND GET IT BACK TO MANAGEABLE PROPORTIONS WOULD
BE WELCOME. ROGERS

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